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Bridging Communities: Historic First Avenue over Maple Canyon Bridge Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

SAN DIEGO, CA – Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer and Councilmember Todd Gloria participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the First Avenue over Maple Canyon Bridge Retrofit and Painting Project.

“As far as bridges go, this is one of the best. It’s not just a beauty. It has a rich history and it offers gorgeous views of San Diego Bay, Coronado and Point Loma,” said Faulconer, who was pleased to see how much the historic bridge looks like it did when it was built in 1931. “I want to thank all the fine folks who made today possible, especially city staff and engineers, Bankers Hill residents and business owners, and T.Y. Lin International and Reyes Construction.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorated the opening of the bridge after fifteen months of rehabilitative efforts. The Council members were joined by Uptown Planners, Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association, Hillcrest Business Association, and Engineering and Capital Projects Department (E&CP) Staff.

“The bridge now meets California’s seismic criteria and will be safe should an earthquake occur,” said Councilmember Gloria. “It is also in conformance with the Uptown Community Plan and the City’s General Plan, and the surrounding neighborhoods will again be able to connect easily using First Avenue.”

The project’s scope included: seismic retrofit, rehabilitation of the bridge deck, removal of existing lead paint, installation of historical street lighting, utility relocation where necessary, and repainting the entire bridge structure to its original color.

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